

**RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
ORIGINAL DATE: MAY 1998
TAG REVIEW DATE: 29 JULY 1998**

1. **SITE NAME:** Victorville PBR No. 3

SITE NUMBER: J09CA068800

LOCATION:

CITY: Victorville
COUNTY: San Bernardino County
STATE: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA068801

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 3

TAG RAC: 3

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The former Victorville Precision Bombing Range No. 3 occupied 640 acres in San Bernardino County, approximately 10 miles northeast of Victorville, California. The site consists of mainly flat, open desert, covered with low vegetation and a few Joshua trees.

4. SITE HISTORY:

Victorville PBR No. 3 is one of more than twenty bomb targets developed during the Second World War in support of the Victorville Army Air Field (VAAF) bombardier training program. The War Department acquired the 640 acre site between April and August 1943 by condemnation. Eighty acres under management of the Bureau of Land Management were withdrawn from appropriation under public land order, while the rest was taken by condemnation from private parties. At the time the site was acquired, the land was vacant desert. Although it is not exactly known when the target became operational, it is likely that it was ready for use within two months of acquisition of the entire 640 acres. Only 100 lb. Practice Bombs were dropped on this site. Use of the site was discontinued when bombardier training ended in November or December of 1944.

The site was declared surplus in March 1948 and accountability of 560 acres was turned over to the War Assets Administration in May 1948. The remaining 80 acres obtained from the Department of the Interior reverted back to their administration at this time. The War Assets Administration sold the property under its control to five private parties between February and March 1949. Today, the Department of the Interior administers only 35 of the original 80 acres returned to it in May 1948. All other property formerly comprising the PBR is currently in private hands.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A:	Size, Acres:	380
	Former Use:	Target Area
	Present Use:	Residential/Public Land
	Probable End Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	M38-series, M47 and M85 100 lb. Practice Bombs
Area B:	Size, Acres:	260
	Former Use:	Target Buffer Zone
	Present Use:	Same as Area A
	Probable End Use:	Same as above
	Ordnance Presence:	Potential
	Type:	Same as Area A

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report (ASR) for Victorville Precision Bombing Range #3 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in May 1998.

7. **STRATEGY:**

AREA A: EE/CA
AREA B: EE/CA

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

The Huntsville Center Technical Advisory Group met and discussed this ASR on 29 July 1998 and determined an EE/CA in both Area A and Area B since there was confirmed debris from 100 lb. Practice Bombs encountered by the SI Team in Area A and a potential for the same in Area B. The close proximity of residences is the main reason that this site is a RAC 3.

There are known Federal-and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only